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Rep. Hovey Announces 2005 Survey Results For 112th District



Monroe and Newtown voters overwhelmingly (85 percent) support the state program that provides grants to towns to help them acquire and preserve undeveloped open space land and favor (75 percent) the enactment of legislation to cap non-economic awards in medical malpractice cases, state Representative DebraLee Hovey,

R-112th District, said today.

Residents also are strongly opposed to a proposal to use tax dollars to pay for political campaigns and to legislation that would allow gay marriage in Connecticut, Representative Hovey said.

Those were some of the responses to a district-wide legislative survey Rep. Hovey mailed to 112th District voters several weeks ago. Almost 700 voters responded to the survey.

“The 112th District had one of the highest rates of return among state representatives from the House Republican Caucus who surveyed their districts. The heavy return rate shows that the citizens of Monroe and Newtown are paying close attention to what’s going on at the State Capitol and are well aware of the fact that legislation enacted by the Connecticut General Assembly affects all of us - for better or worse,” Rep. Hovey said.

Noting that about 60 percent of those who responded to the survey opposed legislation to allow gay marriage, Representative Hovey said she intends to cast a no vote on a bill that would authorize civil unions in Connecticut when it comes to the floor of the state House of Representatives. With 82 percent opposed to using tax dollars to pay for political campaigns, Representative Hovey said she also would vote no on any campaign finance bill that would divert scarce tax dollars to campaigns for state elective offices.

“The people of the 112th District expressed their opinions on these two issues very forcefully and I will pass on their views to my legislative colleagues when I vote on these two measures. The citizens of Monroe and Newtown sent me to Hartford to protect their interests and to support measures that benefit our communities. I will continue to do just that. I rely on your responses to my surveys to help ensure that my votes best reflect your views on the issues. I’d like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to my 2005 survey and I congratulate you on your interest in and commitment to good government in Connecticut,” Representative Hovey said.